

# DNREC announces the 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference

**DOVER** – The 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 29-30, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship announced today. For information, participants and presenters can visit [de.gov/dewetlandsconference](https://de.gov/dewetlandsconference).

Dates and deadlines to remember for the 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference are:

- Registration for conference participants opens Wednesday, Nov. 13.
- The deadline to submit abstracts for oral presentations is Wednesday, Oct. 30.
- Poster presentations will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 20.
- The deadline for entries in a new photo and art contest is Friday, Nov. 1. Artists of all ages are encouraged to submit their best work highlighting a wetland plant, animal, or scene. The winning work will be featured on the cover of the 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference program.

DNREC's Wetland Monitoring and Assessment and Coastal Training programs have put together a full two-day event that focuses on the importance of wetlands across the Mid-Atlantic region. More than 350 wetland experts and enthusiasts from the area are expected to gather at the biennial conference to share the latest innovations in wetland research, outreach, and conservation programs.

The conference brings together scientists, planners, county and federal representatives, community leaders, educators, natural resource managers, and students to discuss current research on tidal and non-tidal wetlands, the value of the region's wetlands, and the impact their management has on the

community.

Wetlands play a vital role in our everyday lives, protecting our communities from flooding and erosion and boosting our economy through the tourism, outdoor recreation, and seafood industries. This conference fosters an atmosphere that supports the exploration and dissemination of wetlands science. Although wetlands are the primary focus of this learning and networking event, related topics also will include streams, habitat, and wildlife.

For more information on the 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference, including sponsorships, please visit the [website](#), or contact Brittany Haywood at [Brittany.Haywood@delaware.gov](mailto:Brittany.Haywood@delaware.gov), or call 302-739-9939.

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